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COEXTRUSION BINDER, ITS USE FOR A MULTILAYER STRUCTURE AND

THE STRUCTURE THUS OBTAINED

## **REPLY**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks as a response to the Office Action mailed on April 16, 2002.

## In the Claims

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

10. (Amended) A coextrusion binder comprising:

- 5 to 30 parts of a polymer (A) comprising a blend of a polyethylene (A1) of relative density between 0.910 and 0.940 and of a polymer (A2) selected from the group consisting of elastomers, very low-density polyethylenes and metallocene polyethylenes, wherein both (A1) and (A2) are grafted with an unsaturated carboxylic acid;
  - 95 to 70 parts of a polyethylene (B) of relative density between 0.910 and 0.930;
  - the blend of (A) and (B) having:
  - a relative density of between 0.910 and 0.930,
  - a content of grafted unsaturated carboxylic acid is between 30 and 10,000 ppm,

and

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